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# INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in  
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 19 March 1957

Director of Central Intelligence  
Allen W. Dulles  
Presiding

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General Millard Lewis, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters,  
United States Air Force  
Colonel E. G. Van Orman, acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative  
to the IAC  
Mr. Alan Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative  
to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes  
12 March Meeting  
(IAC-M-280)

Approved as written.

2. Review of Crisis Situations

- a. Watch Committee Report  
No. 345

Noted.

- b. Threat of Arab-Israeli Hostilities  
(Memorandum to IAC, 15 March)

The members discussed a CIA memorandum on the threat of Egyptian-Israeli hostilities, dated 15 March, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, and a supplementary CIA memorandum on the status of the Israeli-Egyptian crisis dated 19 March, which was distributed at the meeting. The members also reviewed intelligence and information from other sources bearing on this situation,



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Following their review of this situation, the Chairman suggested, and the members concurred, that the two memoranda discussed should be combined and circulated, as amended, within the intelligence community. The Chairman emphasized the seriousness of the situation and the necessity of remaining alert to new developments.

3. NIE 11-5-57  
Soviet Capabilities and  
Probable Programs in  
the Guided Missile Field

- a. Noted the post-mortem on this estimate. The members also discussed in some detail the recommended action in this

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post-mortem. With respect to the recommendation in paragraph 5, the members agreed that the IAC agencies and appropriate sub-committees, including GMIC, JAEIC and SEC, should take the action and make the progress reports, as recommended. In addition, the members concurred in the Chairman's suggestion that this topic be placed on the agenda of the IAC in about two months, for preliminary discussion and consideration of the procedures to be followed, including the possible need of establishing additional machinery for implementing action on the recommendation.

The Chairman emphasized his view of the importance of the recommendation contained in paragraph 6 of the post-mortem. The members then exchanged views on, and agreed to the establishment of the ad hoc committee as recommended. The Chairman suggested, and the members concurred, that this ad hoc committee be established as a small, high-level group with each interested agency represented, under the chairmanship of General Bull.

b. Validity Study  
(Memorandum to IAC, 4 March)

Noted the validity study of NIE 11-6-54, "Soviet Capabilities and Probable Programs in the Guided Missile Field," 5 October 1954, and its Supplement, NIE 11-12-55, "Soviet Guided Missile Capabilities and Probable Programs," 20 December 1955.

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4. DCI Communication to  
Senator Symington

After referring to a recent inquiry he had received from Senator Symington relative to estimates of Soviet heavy bomber strength, the Chairman informed the members on the nature of his reply.

5. SNIE 100-5-57  
Probable World Reactions  
to Certain Civil Defense  
Programs

Approved as amended.

6. NIE 13-57  
Communist China Through 1961

a. Approved as amended.

b. Noted the findings, as amended, and approved the recommendations of the post-mortem on this estimate.

c. Noted the validity study of NIE 13-56, "Chinese Communist Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action Through 1960," 5 January 1956.

Adjournment: 1300

JOHN HEIRES  
Secretary

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

2. Unless objection is raised by a member at the next regular meeting of the IAC, the Secretary proposes to release to USIA NIE 13-57, "Communist China Through 1961," and SNIE 100-5-57, "Probable World Reactions to Certain Civil Defense Programs," both dated 19 March 1957.

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